



PREMIUMS for FLAX-RAISING, Crop 1779.

Trustees Office, Edinburgh, Dec. 20, 1780.
THE Commissioners and Trustees for Fisheries, Manufactures, and Improvements in Scotland, do hereby advertise, That they have determined the Gainers of the Premiums for Flax-raising crop 1779, as follows, viz.

FIRST CLASS.

Being Twenty Shillings per Acre, producing not less than 20 Stones Averdupois weight of clean sketched Flax.

FIFE-SHIRE.

Gainers.	Farms.	Parishes.	Premiums.
James Mercer	Anstruther	Anstruther	1 5
Laurence Glas	Old Fargie	Arngask	2 0
Richard Stark	Earismeadow	Auchtermuchty	2 0
Andrew Johnston	Needies	ditto	1 0
David Aitkin	Comylaw	Carnbee	1 0
Andrew Aitkin	ditto	ditto	1 5
John Reikie	ditto	ditto	1 0
William Fyfe	Dealhead	Ceres	3 0
Alexander Howie	Struthersbarns	ditto	3 0
William Howie	ditto	ditto	3 0
James Howie	ditto	ditto	3 0
Robert Ogilvie	ditto	ditto	3 0
David Purves	Boyhouse	Elie	2 15
Robert Thom	Auchtermernie	Kennoway	2 0
William Thomson	Longside	ditto	3 15
Thomas Ness	Kilbrackmont	Kilconquhar	1 10
James Band	Easter Balcarthy	Kilrenny	4 5
George & John Greig	Backfield	Kinglathie	2 5
Alexander Hay	Inchdairny	ditto	4 0
Andrew Donaldson	ditto	ditto	2 15
Robert Forrester	Pittieuchar	ditto	2 10
George Greig	South Parks of Leslie	ditto	7 10
David Reikie	Carthury	Largo	2 0
Michael Storer	Ballingail	Leslie	5 0
Robert Oswald	Prinlows	ditto	2 15
John Reid	Drummain	ditto	1 10
Patrick Latta	Southfield	Leuchars	1 5
William Reid	Ribbiny	Markinch	3 0
James Michie	ditto	ditto	1 0
Alexander Allan	ditto	ditto	2 0
William Grieve	ditto	ditto	1 10
Thomas Michie	ditto	ditto	1 15
John Alford	Milltown of Balgonie	ditto	3 15
William Inglis	Blackhall	Monymenal	1 10
John Inglis	Broomhall	ditto	6 10
Henry Inglis	ditto	ditto	1 0
Thomas Bell	Ranckellor Parks	ditto	4 10
James Carstairs	Wester Lathall	Newburn	1 15
James Seton	Allanhill	St Andrew's	2 5
Thomas Wilson	Bonfield	ditto	2 0
Robert Aiken	ditto	ditto	1 0
Colin Cooper	Abercrombiemill	St Monance	1 5
Andrew Ruder	North Dovecotill	ditto	1 0
Agnes Armit	Bankhead	Scone	1 15
Arthur Smith	ditto	ditto	1 15
James Ballingall	Balgrumie	ditto	2 10
James Alexander	Wester Durie	ditto	2 15
John Paterson	Croftonmill	Strathmiglo	36 10
David Blyth	Nether Pitlochrie	ditto	2 15
Walter Bell	Muiridge	Wemyss	1 10

KINROSS-SHIRE.

Robert Burt	Barns	Cleith	1 0
James Walker	Maryburgh	ditto	1 10
Alexander Robertson	Easter Oldrain	Fosway	1 15
John Young	Bowton	Kinross	1 0
William Paterson	Kinross Parks	ditto	6 5
Robert Coventry	Arly	Orwell	2 5
James Drummond	Blairforth	ditto	2 15
Alexander Robertson	Burleigh	ditto	2 15
William Beveridge	Collestown	ditto	3 5
James Skelton	Orwell	ditto	3 5
James More	Kolostown	ditto	1 0
Robert White	Tarhill	ditto	3 5

PERTH-SHIRE.

David Gardiner	Abernyte	Abernyte	1 10
Peter Small	Balairdy	ditto	1 0
John Martin	Nether Abrothven	Auchterarder	1 10
James Stewart	Auchterarder	ditto	1 5
James Sharp	Baylyland	ditto	1 0
William Gibson	Belkie	ditto	2 0
James Greig	Chamberstrathie	ditto	1 0
William M'Ewan	Carfink	ditto	2 10
Henry Bannerman	Eastmill	ditto	3 10
Daniel M'Laurin	Orchardhall	ditto	1 0
David Fenton	Westmill	ditto	1 0
John Puller	Airlywight	Auchtergaven	1 0
John Black	Mill of ditto	ditto	1 0
Peter Boyd	Colly	ditto	2 0
John Duncan	Gallowhill	ditto	1 5
Thomas Dow	Jackton	ditto	2 10
James Chalmers	Hill of Logiebride	ditto	1 0
Peter Finick	Newbigging	ditto	1 0
Thomas Dow	Meikle Obny	ditto	1 0
James Young	Little Tulliebelton	ditto	1 0
William Finnick	ditto	ditto	1 10
Andrew Ballians	Tulliebelton	ditto	1 0
William Stewart	Neillhaugh	ditto	3 15
William Robertson	Cupparange	Bendochie	1 5
John Kirkcaldie	Southfield of ditto	ditto	2 0
Charles Playfair	Low Couty	ditto	2 0
John Lindsay	Millhorn	ditto	1 15
Jacob Low	Rofemount	Blairgowrie	1 0
David Mackay	ditto	ditto	1 10
John Saunders	Welltoun	ditto	2 0
David Low	ditto	ditto	1 5
John Constable	ditto	ditto	1 5
James Bruce	Redgoal	Caputh	3 5
James Tanish	Broich	Crieff	1 5
Duncan M'Aunth	Callender	ditto	2 10
Andrew Clow	Easter Crieffvictor	ditto	1 5
Thomas Key and Co.	Dornick	ditto	9 0
James Glas	Gavelsmore	ditto	1 5
James Miller	Stonesfield	ditto	3 0
Charles Porter	Balbrogie	Cupar-Angus	2 0
James Stevenson	ditto	ditto	2 0
David Porter	ditto	ditto	2 0
David Blair, Esq.	Bilbo	ditto	1 15
John Marshall	Iron	Down	1 0
James Sommers	ditto	ditto	2 0
John Sommers	Lochfield	ditto	1 10
William Johnston	Meadowhead	ditto	1 10
Patrick Burn	Monochfawn	ditto	2 10
John Mitchell	Lauchins	ditto	1 0
John Shaw	Spittalton	ditto	1 10
James Haldane	ditto	ditto	1 10
John Dick	Upper Garneaher	ditto	1 10
William Paterson	Wester Argillie	ditto	2 0
James Stewart, Esq.	Derculchmains	Dull	6 0
Patrick Monteith	Ochlochie	Dunblane	1 0
William Roy	Townhead	ditto	3 0

Gainers. Farms. Parishes. Premiums.

Archibald Graham	Cairntown	Dunblane	1 1
Robert Stirling	Crombie	ditto	1 0
Thomas Finlayson	Easter Rofcaplie	ditto	4 0
Robert M'Farlane	Easter Cullins	ditto	1 0
John Ker	Greenleping	ditto	1 0
John Hutchieson	Hutchietown	ditto	1 0
Patrick Monteth	Greenyard	ditto	4 0
Henry Stirling	Shandrew	ditto	1 0
Richard Knox	Stockbriggs	ditto	10 0
James Dawson	ditto	ditto	2 10
John Anderson	Quoig	ditto	1 0
Robert Scobie	Woodside	ditto	2 0
Andrew Morton	Mains of Errol	Errol	2 0
John Robertson	Tolks	Fowls Wester	2 10
Robert Maxton	Mains of Gorthy	ditto	3 10
William Smith	Damside	Gask	2 0
James Crow	Inchture	Inchture	3 0
William Smith, jun.	Keillins	Keillins	1 0
William Blair	Ford of Pitcurr	ditto	1 5
Andrew Stuart	Deldorn	Kincardine	1 10
Walter Bruce	Trautshall	ditto	1 0
Robert Naismith	Arntully	Kinclavin	2 0
William Gardiner	Balhyock	Kinnoul	1 0
Thomas Adam	ditto	ditto	1 15
James Watson	Craigarnal	Lecropt	1 10
John Cullins	Newmill	ditto	1 10
Robertson and Reid	Easterlyre	Logieraitte	8 0
Donald Robertson	Tommabreak	ditto	2 10
William Couper	Castle-Huntly	Longforgan	1 0
Alexander Logan	Mains of Castle-Huntly	ditto	1 5
David Ritchie	Callockie	Methven	2 0
Peter & James Taylor	Mains of Tippermalloch	ditto	4 10
Andrew Henderson	Sachole	ditto	2 0
William Barry	Craighall	Monedie	1 10
James Dow	Follins	ditto	1 5
William Gorray	Gellybanks	ditto	1 10
John Rennie	Mains of Logiealmond	Monzie	1 0
David Porteous	Strageth	Muthill	3 0
Donald Edie	Benny	ditto	1 5
James Hayne	Concraig	ditto	4 10
John Kireis	Dachlowan	ditto	1 0
Patrick Carmichael	ditto	ditto	1 0
James Whyte	ditto	ditto	1 5
Adam Drummond, Esq.	Drummond	ditto	6 5
John Faichney	Drumwhar	ditto	1 0
Andrew Dow	Pitkelony	ditto	1 0
Peter Reid	Findal	ditto	2 5
Andrew Richard	Lurg	ditto	1 5
Capt. Rob. Drummond	Limbert	ditto	4 0
M'Lean and Roy	Strageth	ditto	3 15
William Bayne	ditto	ditto	2 10
John & James Imbrie	Balhouse	Perth	1 5
Thomas Harvie	Shanochall	Port	15 0
John Blair	Carfe of ditto	ditto	1 5
William Junkin	Tare	ditto	1 0
George Ogilvie	Eastmill	Katray	2 0
Alex. Duffus	Westmill	ditto	1 0
George Duffus	Milton of Rattray	ditto	1 5
Andrew Thomas	Balmbraie	Regerton	1 0
William Glas	Burnside	St Martin's	1 10
Thomas Wighton	Cairnbeddy	ditto	1 15
Wm. M'Donald, Esq.	St Martin's	St Martin's	1 0
Thomas Waddell	Argillen	Scone	2 0
James M'Kostie	Strowan	Strowan & Monivaird	1 10
James Key	ditto	ditto	1 10
John Key	ditto	ditto	1 0
Duncan Key	ditto	ditto	1 0
John Conrie	Carfe of Lenoch	ditto	1 0
James Sharp	Trowan	ditto	1 15
Patrick Alexander	Carfe of ditto	ditto	1 0
John Drummond	Newburgh	ditto	8 0
John Peter	Lethem	ditto	13 5
Hugh Smith	Millearn	ditto	1 0
William Kempie	Gilmore	Trinity-Gask	1 15
Robert Menzies	Kirkton	Weem	3 10

FORFAR-SHIRE.

William Hood	Balglaife	Aberlemno	2 0
Andrew Crab	Netherston of Melgand	ditto	4 0
Patrick Duncan	Braefide	Aberlout	1 0
Smith & Morgan	Broomhill	ditto	2 0
James Robb	Avratmill	Brechin	1 0
John Robb	ditto	ditto	1 0
John Ogilvie	Broadmyre	ditto	1 0
James Scott	Chappell	ditto	1 0
Alex. Fairweather	Pandreich	ditto	3 0
James Davidson	Bank of Pitforthie	ditto	5 0
James Dees	Nether Pitforthie	ditto	4 0
William Neish	Unthank	ditto	2 5
James Browne	Cononfide	Carmylie	1 0
James Mitchell	Guynd	ditto	3 0
Charles Clark	Gateside	Carreston	1 5
Archibald Scott	Mains of Dunninald	Craig	1 0
David Lyall	Ulylles Haven	Craig	1 10
William Dear	Drumguth	Dundee	1 0
William Arnott	Dumbarrow	Dunichen	2 0
James Skair	ditto	ditto	1 0
Alexander Duncan	Strowan	Edzell	1 0
Alexander Prefhio	Cloak	Farnwell	1 0
John Shand	ditto	ditto	1 15
James Lawton	ditto	ditto	1 0
David Ruxton	Mains of Farnwell	ditto	1 0
David Strachan	Kincaldrum	Inverarity	1 10
Elizabeth Maxwell	ditto	ditto	1 0
William Milne	Cairnton	Inverkeilor	4 10
Henry Brown	Border	ditto	1 10
James Ferrier	Gilchom	ditto	2 0
William Williamson	East March of Lawton	ditto	1 0
John Reid	Red Castle	ditto	2 0
David Williamson	ditto	ditto	1 15
William An lerson	Mill of Airdlair	Keillins	1 0
Jean Wright	Mill of Keillins	ditto	2 10
Andrew A'ige	Peauchamp	Kinnell	1 0
William Nicoll	East Braikie	ditto	1 0
Robert Mathison	ditto	ditto	1 0
John Gregory	ditto	ditto	1 0
David Duncan	ditto	ditto	2 0
John Williamson	ditto	ditto	1 0
David Smith	Newbigging	ditto	2 0
Colin Ritchie	Penmure	ditto	4 10
John Duthie	Inglisoun	ditto	3 0
Alexander Hutton	Mid Leekaway	Kinnettles	3 0
David Guhrle	ditto	ditto	1 15
Robert Anderson	Leggatoun	Kirkeden	1 0
Andrew Mathew	ditto	ditto	1 0
John Thornton	Garlebank	Kirriemuir	1 5
Alexander Thornton	ditto	ditto	1 5
Bartholomew Parsons	Glebe of Logie	Logie Pert	3 5
David Milne	Arbeikie	Lunan	1 0
William Ruxton	ditto	ditto	1 0
Alexander Scott	Lunan	ditto	1 0
Robert Scott	ditto	ditto	1 0
John Anderson	Kirkton	Lundie	3 0

Gainers. Farms. Parishes. Premiums.

Robert Pearson	Marytown	Marytown	2 0
Alexander Morison	ditto	ditto	2 0
James Johnston	ditto	ditto	1 0
Misa Margaret Carnegie	Mains of Balmfarnon	Monmair	2 0
John Small	Elhiebeatown	Monysaith	1 0
David Inverarity	Cairntown	St Vigians	1 0
Patrick Hosick	Dickmountlaw	ditto	1 5
Alexander Jafferfon	Kinnaldie	ditto	2 0
William Kyd	Newbigging	ditto	1 0

STIRLING-SHIRE.

James Duncan	Balfuning	Drymen	2 0
Kirkwood and Cook	Dunipace	Dunipace	8 0
James Henderson	Haugh of ditto	ditto	3 0
Bishop and Paterfon	Bogend	ditto	2 0
Burn and Anderson	Falkirk	Falkirk	5 10
John & James Christie	Torwoodhead	ditto	1 0
Stirling and Anderson	Guinzeburn	Killyth	3 5
John Burn	Mills of Airthry	Logie	1 0
John Hamilton	Kenmuir	Muiravenside	7 5
Arch. & Ja. Douglas	Croftvegat	New Kilpatrick	8 0
Gibb and Mackie	Craigmad	ditto	14 0
Renny and William	Sauchiefield	ditto	15 0

DUNBARTON-SHIRE.

James Brafh	Carricktown	Cumbernauld	1 15
Matthew Allan	Craiglean	ditto	1 5
Peter Shaw	Middle Forest	ditto	1 0
John Anderson	Smilton	ditto	2 0
Robert Gray	Westfield	ditto	1 0
James Stirling	ditto	ditto	1 0
John Shaw	Volt	ditto	1 10
John Martin	Badenheath	Kirkintilloch	2 0
James Martin	Orchardnook	ditto	1 0
Robert Stewart	Barbeth	ditto	2 5
John Anderson	Barhill	ditto	1 0
William Anderson	ditto	ditto	1 0
William Brafh	Bedrou	ditto	1 0
William Gray	ditto	ditto	1 10
James Stirling	ditto	ditto	1 10
John Wallace	ditto	ditto	1 10
James Rouat	ditto	ditto	1 10
David Gray	ditto	ditto	1 0
John Allan	Drumgrew	ditto	3 0
Andrew Fergus	Drumpark	ditto	1 5
James Marshall	Drumhanlie	ditto	5 10
Chas. & Will. Stewart	Drumbreck	ditto	2 0
James Angus	Wester Garthfhor	ditto	1 0
John Dickson	ditto	ditto	1 0
James Kirkwood	Easter Garthfhor	ditto	2 5
John Findlay	Wester Garthfhor	ditto	1 0
John Jarvey	Wester Board	ditto	1 0
John Jack	Holl	ditto	2 0
James Patrick	Orchardnook	ditto	1 0
William Patrick	ditto	ditto	1 5
John Brafh	ditto	ditto	1 5
William Wood	ditto	ditto	1 5
Robert Smellie	Easter Moir	ditto	1 0
William Stewart	Sauchinhal	ditto	2 0
William Stirling	Wellflat	ditto	1 10
James Watson	Woodhead	ditto	1 0
William Ralston	ditto	ditto	2 0

LANARK-SHIRE.

John Black	Lethenhill	Bar.-p. of Glasg.	1 0
Gavin Scott	Kofehall	Bothwell	3 5
John Colquhoun	Gartoth	Calder	1 10
James Birnet	Baada	ditto	1 10
Robert Tenant	Burnbrae	ditto	1 0
Alexander Wilson	Chrystown	ditto	4 0
William Mafon	Davidtown	ditto	1 10
James Mafon	Auchingie	ditto	2 0
Aiken and Hay	Millerfhook	ditto	7 0
Hugh Miller	Whitehill	ditto	1 0
John Graham	Langmuirfide	ditto	3 15
William Anderson	Lanark Crofts	Lanark	1 0
James Kane	Lee Park	ditto	2 0
William Jack	Annathill	New Monkland	1 0
John Drew	South Medrox	ditto	1 0
David Neilfon	Easter Airdrie	ditto	1

THIS day the Duke of Montagu had the honour to kiss the King's hand, on being appointed his Majesty's Master of the Horse.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, Dec. 29.

The Mary and Isabella, Morris, is lost at Barbadoes.
The Catharina Dorothea, Bartlett, from Memel to Bourdeaux, was stranded near Stettin, and the cargo much damaged.
The St. Francisco de Paula, Vifick, an Imperial ship, from Bourdeaux to Fiume, is taken and carried into Mahon by a privateer of that port.
The Mercurius, Carr, from Amsterdam for Lisbon, with wheat, cheese, &c. is taken by the Martha cutter, and brought into Dover.
The Fox, Captain Vere, of London, has retaken a brigantine belonging to Jersey, laden with wine and fruit, from Oporto to Bristol, and brought her into Merseysey.
The Hazard, Pearlee, from London to Guernsey and Whitehaven, was taken the 18th instant off Guernsey, by the General de Ville Privateer, and arrived at St. Malo the 14th.
The Champion, Hall, from New York, and Dolphin, Morrison, from St. Kitt's, are both lost at St. Lucia.
The prize to the Modest, of Liverpool, run on shore at Egg harbour.

The Maria Christina, —, from Bayonne for Amsterdam; the N. B. Antonio Naxaverona, —, from St. Sebastian to L'Orient; the Concordia, Peterson, from St. Ubes for Arundal; the Le Pierre Vincent, —, from Bourdeaux for Brest, are taken and sent into Falmouth by two Guernsey privateers.

The Joanna Sophia, Hedenquits, from L'Orient for Gottenburg; the Lindoboom, Junis, from Bourdeaux; the Young Vioy Agnetta, Ingar, from Lisbon; the Juffrow Alletta, Librant, from Malaga to Orlend; the Vreight and Stavenger, —, from Bourdeaux to Amsterdam; Town of Zurichzee, Booman, from St. Antonio; the Duist Loit, Parden, from Malaga, all Dutch vessels, are taken and sent into Plymouth by the Echo, Kite, and Cruiser cutters.

A Dutch ship from Dominica to Rotterdam, and a Prussian galliot, from Bourdeaux to ditto, with 190 hogheads of tobacco, Dutch property, are taken and carried into Plymouth by his Majesty's ship Porpo.

The Cork fleet, under convoy of the Charon man of war, arrived at Sandy Hook the 10th of November.

[The List here recapitulates the names of a number of ships, both belonging to the King, and private property, lost, which were mentioned in last Mercury, copied from the St. Lucia and Barbadoes Gazettes, &c.]

The Endracht, Crans, from Faro, and the Vrow Esther, Alexander, from Surinam to Amsterdam, are looted by the Dunkirk man of war in Hamoage at Plymouth.

Portsmouth, 26. Arrived the Foudroyant man of war from Plymouth; off Portland she passed three Dutch men of war, but not knowing of the late order for reprisals, passed without molesting them. Sailed on a cruise the following ships, viz.

	Guns.	Captain Stanton.
Formidable	98	— Elliot.
Edgar	74	— Elphinstone.
Warwick	50	— Fielding.
Minerva	38	— M'Kenzie.
Active	32	— Parker.
Mailstone	28	— Norman.
Lynx	20	—

A Dutch dogger is sent in by the Formidable man of war. Arrived several coasters, &c. from the Downs.

The Hero, Le Lacheur, has taken and sent into Falmouth Le Guerand, a French snow, from Nantz to Brest, with oil, soap, &c.

Penzance 23. Arrived the Glutton French snow, prize to the Hero privateer of Guernsey, she was bound from Nantz for Brest, laden with chestnuts, soap, &c. This morning landed here, in a boat, three men out of the Knole packet, after being taken, with five or six more vessels, by the Black Prince's privateer, off the Lizard, about six o'clock last night.

Plymouth 26. Arrived the Yellow Sea, from Amsterdam to St. Eustatia; the Juffrow Gertrude, from Nantz to Orlend; the Hamstead, from Genoa and Leghorn; the Sulfrow Gornelia Hermina, from Cadiz; the Adrian and Jacob, from Malaga; the Eldrick Harmanis, from St. Martin's, and Wilhelmina Josephes, from Lisbon, all for Amsterdam. The Friendship, from Dominica, and the Palm-tree, from Bourdeaux, both for Rotterdam, and the Floece, from Rochelle to Roan, all Dutch prizes, with five or six more now in the Sound, but cannot get their names.

The Amiable Rosalia, —, from France to St. Domingo, is taken and carried into St. Kitt's.

The Three Friends, Neaper, from Newry to London, was taken off the Land's End the 12th instant, and retaken the 14th by the Vestal frigate, and carried into Torbay.

Portsmouth 28. Arrived the Titty Wetiven, Peters, from Seville for Orlend; Juffrow Sarah En Theodore Degar, Regona, from Bourdeaux for Rotterdam; sent in by the George cutter: The Jonge Tans, Tighelaar, Duties, from Bourdeaux for Amsterdam, sent in by the Minerva: The Vriendchap, Peters, from Lisbon, sent in by the Perseus and Zebra; the Sea Horse Doggers, Rinchall, from St. Ubes for Flushing, sent in by the Jason frigate.

The Weymouth Privateer has brought into Weymouth road, the Zelfst, with Bay salt, from Sutton to Honfleur, and the Jonge Anse, from ditto to ditto, of 140 tons each.

The Tender Bomb Ketch, has sent into Weymouth, the Vrowchap, Kirk, from Bourdeaux to Rotterdam, with wines.

From the London Papers, Dec. 30.

L O N D O N.

Last night Lieutenant Armour, of the Yarmouth man of war, just arrived at Portsmouth, from America, came to the Admiralty with dispatches from Sir George Rodney, dated the 15th of November, containing an account of his late, and plans of his intended operations. Sir George had failed more than a hundred leagues on his return to the West Indies, when the Yarmouth parted company with the fleet, to proceed with the above dispatches for Europe.

The following is now said to be the substance of the dispatches brought over by Lieutenant Armour, of the Yarmouth man of war, so far as regards the operations of the British troops in Virginia; viz. that General Leslie having, by the aid of Sir George Rodney, effected his landing without any opposition, at the mouth of the Chesapeake, he marched off from thence, with the greatest expedition, to attack the principal posts in the province, and having made himself master of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Hampton, without any other resistance than a slight opposition from about 200 militia, who after standing only two fires retired, leaving eighteen dead behind them; he immediately set about fortifying the second of these places, as a cover to his conquests, and, at the time of these dispatches coming away, the works were already very strong, and in great forwardness towards completing.

On the General's first appearing before Portsmouth, the inhabitants sent out a flag of true offering to capitulate, but answer was returned them, that no terms could be granted, but that they must surrender at discretion, relying on the humanity of the British troops, which they would find great and generous as usual. The same is said to have happened at Hampton and Norfolk, where the inhabitants who had fled, finding that the British troops did not intend to abandon those places, but they should find protection among them for their persons and property, they returned in great numbers, and having taken the oaths of allegiance, now reside under the British government.

With respect to Lord Cornwallis these advices say no more, than that he had penetrated very far into North Carolina; that something decisive was expected very soon between General

Leslie and the Provincials, as the former was attempting a diversion in Lord Cornwallis's favour; but that no new action had yet happened between him and Gates, the latter retiring on all sides before him.

Authentic letters from New York, by the ship just arrived in Ireland, mention, that the garrison and inhabitants had been in distress for want of provisions, &c. from the beginning of October, until the arrival of the Corke fleet, under convoy of the Charon, in November. This convoy consisted of 99 ships. Two more predatory expeditions were preparing there at that time, one of 1500 men, under General Phillips, and another of 2000, under another General; the first said to be for the Chesapeake, to reinforce Leslie, or to make a diversion in that quarter; the other for North Carolina, to reinforce Lord Cornwallis.

Yesterday an express was received at the house of the Dutch Minister from the Hague, commanding his immediate departure from this country. The said dispatch likewise contains the resolves of the States General on the late manifesto and proclamation from the Court of Great Britain, in which the Deputies from the different Provinces are reported to have been so decided, for an immediate declaration of war with England, as to be found, on a division, fix to one against offering any terms of accommodation.

Though some of the morning papers have said that the Dutch Ambassador set off for Holland yesterday evening, after leaving his plate at Sir John Griffin Griffin's, yet we are assured that he does not go till to-morrow, when one of Rombert's neutral boats is ordered to be got ready for him, to convey his Excellency and his suite to the other side of the water. If we may judge from appearances, the Count has but little opinion of the relief his countrymen have for the war, as he intends to take over with him nothing more than his bed and bedding, leaving the rest of his furniture behind, as if he expected a speedy return.

So far from Administration wishing to temporize with Holland, they have by their spirited exertions (a new system with them it must be confessed) put it even out of their own power to prevent the treacherous Hollanders from receiving the long merited chastisement of this insulted country. Orders are gone to every quarter of the globe, for the most spirited and decisive war to be waged against those treacherous allies; so that if the cabinet wished to conciliate the difference, Holland must feel severely the effects of British vengeance in all her territories, long before any pacific instructions could reach our foreign commanders.

A number of Dutch vessels have been stopped at the Nore by Vice-Admiral Roddam, in consequence of the manifesto.

Orders are given for copies to be made out of all the treaties of commerce which have been negotiated between our court and that of Lisbon, from the conclusion of the last war to the present time.

All the masters of the privateers and letters of marque, belonging to Jersey and Guernsey, have received orders not to send any prizes they take into any but English ports, when agents are appointed to conduct the business.

Very little business is now stirring on the river except privateering, which at present furnishes employ for every idle hand.

This morning some dispatches were received from Gibraltar, by which we are informed, that the garrison was well supplied with all kinds of provisions; and that a fleet of French merchantmen passed by that place the 9th inst. under convoy for Marseilles.

The first appearance of hostilities among the Dutch commenced on Monday last at Flushing, where they began to mount their cannon, and draw a chain across the harbour, in which were two English privateers, which they attempted to stop; but the Captains perceiving their intentions, cut their cables, and in spite of all their efforts, put to sea, and got clear off.

This morning the Bishop of Osnabuck set off in order to embark for Germany; soon after which the Royal Family also left town to go to Windsor.

State of our Ships in the West-Indies after the late hurricane, as far as can be collected from the latest accounts.

	Guns.	
Ajax	74	returned to St. Lucia much damaged
Montague	74	ditto, almost a wreck
Vengeance	74	was on the rocks, but saved
Egmont	74	missing
Endymion	44	given up for lost
Blanche	40	two remarkable fine frigates taken some time since from the French no account of them
Alcmene	36	returned much damaged
Venus	36	saved, almost a wreck
Amazon	28	lost
Andromeda	28	lost
Laurel	28	lost
Deal Castle	24	missing
Cameleon	24	lost
Beaver's prize.	18	lost
San Vincinte	16	lost
Aetna	bomb	no account, but supposed to be
Vefuvius	ditto	safe

The naval people say there is great reason to believe the Egmont man of war is safe at Jamaica, as the wind favoured her run for that island; and when she was last seen, she was running before the wind in a very manageable state, as she could not have been under her colours.—There is too much reason, however to fear the loss of the Endymion, notwithstanding what is said in the Barbadoes Mercury, of her arrival at Antigua, as Commissioner La Forey's letter to the Admiralty is dated 12 days after the Barbadoes account, and so far from mentioning her arrival at that port, he has inserted her in the List of the missing ships.

Minutes of Captain Bateman's court martial were brought over in the said dispatches, by which it seems he is broke, and adjudged incapable of serving his Majesty in future in a military capacity.

The ports are strictly watched to prevent the escape of an American spy, whose papers have been detected, and who has absconded.

One of the morning papers informs us, that the following are some of the taxes meant to be proposed by Lord North, for the service of the year 1781.

Five per cent. upon the annual receipts of all securities by bond, mortgage, or eligit.

One million from the East India Company, and an annual tax for fourteen years, the intended term of the new charter, at the rate of four shillings in the pound, upon the produce of

the territorial revenues, after deductions made for the collection, &c.

A tax of three-pence per ticket, upon all admissions to any place of entertainment within the kingdom of Great Britain. And an additional half-crown duty upon porter and iron-beer per barrel. This last, it is believed, will produce near half a million sterling per annum.

The sum to be borrowed and funded, he says, will be fifteen millions, and the operation of finance will be made in the four per cents. computed at 72, with a short annuity, and a considerable douceur.

There will be at least three millions of navy bills discharged, and other taxes will be laid to make good the deficiencies of the taxes imposed in the years 1777, 1778, and 1779.

The same correspondent says, that the new malt-tax, laid last year upon the private brewery, has much exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Minister, and will leave, after paying the interest with which it is charged, a considerable retinue to be carried to the credit of the sinking fund.

Yesterday, the Lottery ended drawing at Guildhall, when No. 6292 was drawn a prize of 50 l. and as last drawn, was entitled to 1000 l. After which the wheels were taken back to Whitehall.

Admiralty Office, Dec. 28. 1780.

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Ruff, commanding his Majesty's ship Alderney, to Philip Stephens, Esq; Secretary of the Admiralty, dated in Tarmouth Roads, December 26, 1780.

"Please to acquaint their Lordships, that yesterday morning a cutter being sent to the N. E. of this place, I immediately got his Majesty's ship under my command under way, and stood after her. About two o'clock I came up with her, within a mile of Haffro; the fore-top-gallant mast of the Alderney being struck, they took her for one of a fleet of colliers they had got amongst, and did not perceive their mistake till we got our guns to bear on them, when they struck. She is called the Lady Washington, Captain John Oliver, belonging to Dunkirk, of 12 guns and 51 men, which place she had left eight days, and had not taken any thing.

EDINBURGH.

[In last MERCURY, our readers will find a more particular and distinct account of the great devastations in the West India Islands, occasioned by the dreadful hurricane which happened there in the month of October last, than what has hitherto appeared in any of the London papers. The London Gazette, brought by this day's post, contains, on the same melancholy subject, a letter from Major General Vaughan, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's forces in the Leeward Islands, dated Barbadoes, October 30;—from Major General Cunningham, Governor of the Island of Barbadoes, dated Barbadoes, October 20, with a Journal of what passed at Barbadoes from the 9th to the 15th of October;—a loyal and dutiful address to his Majesty from the Council of the Island of Barbadoes, praying for relief in their present calamitous situation;—and extracts of two letters from William Matthew Burt, Esq; Governor of the Leeward Islands, dated Antigua, November 1st and 4th. They conclude with the following paragraph:]

"Governor Cunningham and Brigadier General St Leger write me, that they much apprehend a famine in St. Lucia and Barbadoes. There were undispensed of in this Island near 1500 barrels of flour, which his Majesty was graciously pleased to send for the relief of this Island. I have already sent General St Leger near 1000 barrels, and propose sending him 300 barrels, if not the whole remaining quantity."

Extract of a letter from London, Dec. 30.

"It still remains a matter of uncertainty whether we are to have a war or not, in earnest, with the Dutch. Count Welden is yet here, though he has certainly given his friends to understand, that he intends to quit London to-morrow morning. Those in his Excellency's confidence report it to be his opinion, that the English interest will, in the end, prevail, and war with the States General be happily avoided.

"That part of the Manifesto which only lays an embargo on Dutch property till the conduct of Holland respecting English vessels is known, has been thought rather extraordinary here; as it is well known that their Mightinesses have no ships of ours to seize upon.

"Several capital houses in the city have received accounts from their correspondents, in various parts of Holland, advising them, that people there are, in general, exclaiming against the French faction, as it is called, that have given cause for a war with Great Britain.

"Letters from all the different ports contain nothing but advices of Dutch prizes being brought in. An account from Poole makes mention of a privateer sailing from that place the night before last, and returning, about five hours afterwards, with two Dutchmen, worth, at least, sixteen thousand pounds. Indeed, a war with Holland cannot but prove uncommonly fruitful to privateering people, when it is considered that the Dutch are the common carriers of Europe, and have not less than seven thousand vessels in constant employ.

"The news received from America has given great spirits to the friends of Government. Lord Cornwallis has carried every thing before him, and has great reason to expect he will be enabled to reduce both the Carolinas and Virginia. General Leslie co-operates with him equally prosperous, and little fear is entertained of the withheld success, though General Washington has certainly detached five thousand men to the assistance of the rebels in those parts.

"The Molly's, Captain Douglas, from Newcastle to Gibraltar, was taken the 21st September off Cape Spartel, by a Spanish frigate, and carried into Cadiz. The Four Brothers, Capt. Ronce, from Embden, is arrived in the River. The Suannah, Capt. Parker, and three other ships, the names of which I cannot learn, from Clyde to Charleston, are taken by the Americans. Those ships are said to be worth 200,000 l.

"The Lord Chancellor, it is said, is upon the point of doing that which must commemorate his name with the brightest ornaments of human nature. There are at this time no less than two and sixty livings in his gift, now vacant, which his Lordship means to give away, when he shall have informed himself of the most deserving member of the Church. His Lordship is said to have kept those livings undispensed of, until he should have had an opportunity of learning which clergymen were in want. When his Lordship has finished his enquiry, he intends to dispose of the livings, having a particular eye to those poor Curates, who are obliged, for twenty or thirty pounds a-year, to drudge for some purje proud Rector."

In contradiction to the many disagreeable accounts that have from time to time appeared in the papers, of the state of the expedition to Fort St. Juan, we are happy to insert the following:

Some days ago, a gentleman in Aberdeen received a letter from his son, dated St. John's River, 22d June, advising, that the troops were then ready to embark in their small craft to proceed up Lake Nicaragua, against the cities of Leon and Granada, both which they hoped soon to take possession of; that they then had 400 friendly natives with them; that the country was pleasant, and abundant with variety of good provisions, which were to be bought at the most trifling prices; that they were in good health and spirits, and had found means to mislead the Spaniards by a piece of false intelligence; in consequence whereof, they were keenly employed in fortifying a place 54 miles to leeward, and which the army never intended to visit. Upon the whole, their hopes of reaping a rich harvest seemed well founded, and that the country (in the words of the letter) strongly resembled that represented by the name of Canada.

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On Saturday last, died, at the Bowling Green near Leith, Miss Elizabeth Menzies, daughter of the deceased James Menzies of Culdairs. It is hoped her friends and relations will accept of this as a proper notification of her death.

Monday night was brought to town, and lodged in the tollbooth here, James Baywater sailor, belonging to the Alfred armed ship, accused of robbing Peter Elliot bottle-maker, of a silver watch, five or six shillings in silver, and his hat, on the evening of Saturday the 23d December last. Baywater absconded immediately after the robbery, and was apprehended by a party of soldiers, who carried him to the Regulating Captain of Berwick. This gentleman having received previous notice of the robbery from the Sheriff, detained the fellow in prison till the Sheriff should send for him.

Friday evening, Donald Mackay was served with a copy of his indictment to stand trial before the High Court of Justiciary, being accused of abstracting from the Post Office here, where he acted as under porter, a packet, containing fifty five-pound Bank notes, of the Newcastle bank. He was apprehended at Thurso, a considerable time ago, as formerly mentioned, and was from thence transferred to this prison.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Dec. 28.

"Tuesday, two Dutch vessels in this harbour were seized by order of the Admiralty.

"Yesterday, the Stag frigate seized in the bay the Young Ufrow, a Dutch ship, from Rotterdam, richly laden.

"The officers and privates of the 3d, 19th, and 30th regiments of foot, who have leave of absence or furlough, are ordered to join their respective regiments at Cork immediately, and prepare for their embarkation."

The Royal manifesto was not merely founded on the discoveries made by the capture of Mr Laurens's papers, nor on the intrigues of Van Borchel, and his American associates. Government had found, that the States refused joining the armed neutral, y. in hopes of drawing Russia and Sweden to guarantee their possessions, both foreign and domestic; which those Powers at first hesitated to comply with, but had not given an absolute refusal. In this critical juncture, a declaration on the part of England became necessary, by which means our Court avoid drawing the powers of Russia and Sweden on them, for commencing hostilities against their intended allies; and the States have also lost the opportunity of joining the armed neutrality, which is in itself become almost inoperative, Denmark having in the same lucky interval entered into a treaty with England.

LEITH SHIPPING, Jan. 1-3.

ARRIVED,
Nelly, Talloch, from Glasgow, in ballast.
Elizabeth and Margaret, Primrose, from Longannet, stones.
Lady Elizabeth, Gray, from Largo, with salt.
Ann and Mary, Charteris, from Berwick, with grain.
Thomas, Grant, from Aberdeen, with goods.
Friendship, Watson, from Montrose, ditto.
And a few vessels with coals.

THEATRE-ROYAL.

SATURDAY Evening, January 6, will be presented, the Opera of
LIONEL AND CLARISSA.

Jeffamy, Mr WILKS,
(From the Theatre-Royal, Dublin.)
Lionel, Mr STANTON.
Colonel Old Boy, Mr FOWLER.
Sir John Flowerdale, Mr JOHNSON.
Clarissa, Mrs TAPLIN.
Diana, Miss HURST.
Lady Old Boy, Mrs HEAPHY.
To which will be added, a Farce, called

THE OLD MAID.

Clermont, Mr GRAHAM.
Captain Cape, Mr JOHNSON.
Mrs Harlow, Mrs WOODS.
Old Maid, Mrs HEAPHY.

BY DESIRE OF THE RIGHT HON. AND WORSHIPFUL
EARL OF BALCARNAS,
GRAND MASTER.

Of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of
Free and Accepted Masons,

On MONDAY next will be performed, a Comedy called
**THE WONDER;
A Woman Keeps a Secret.**

St MARTY CHAPEL, Niddry's Wynd, Jan. 3.
At the particular request of several persons, who thought the former terms of admission too high for the Public at large,
Mr WALDRON,

Before his departure for London, will exhibit and deliver
THE ENTIRE LECTURE ON HEADS.

With four additional ones of Major ANDER, Gen. WASHINGTON, the
MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE, and a DUTCHMAN.

Two Nights more, viz. To-morrow Evening, Thursday Jan. 4. and
Friday Evening, Jan. 5. 1781.

Between the Parts of the Lecture, will be presented, variety of
DRAMATIC RECITATION

In imitation of the manner of several eminent Actors.

Admittance for One Person, One Shilling and Sixpence.
For a Lady and Gentleman, or Two Ladies, Two Shillings and Sixpence.

Back Seats, One Shilling each.

W. WALDRON begs leave to return thanks for the very favourable reception his delivery of the Lecture on Heads, &c. has met with; and to assure the Public, that notwithstanding he has lowered the price of admittance, he will endeavour to improve every evening in his delivery of the Lecture, and whatever other exhibitions he may submit to the candour and indulgence of his very respected auditor.

BOARDING.

MRS BILLINGSLEY, having reason to believe, that her refusing to take Young Ladies for six months, has disobliterated some who would otherwise have been her friends, is now resolved to do in that particular as every other school in Edinburgh does. At the same time she still adheres to her former opinion on that subject, viz. That no Young Lady can in so short a time gain any material advantage, unless previous to that time, they have made some progress in their education, or that they have more than common capacity for learning.

But to convince the world that Mrs BILLINGSLEY is not influenced by any motive of self-interest, or a desire of being thought on a superior footing to any other house of the kind in Edinburgh, she, from this time, proposes to board such Young Ladies as will stay one year or more, for Thirty Guineas; and day-boarders for half that sum.

Mrs BILLINGSLEY begs leave to take this opportunity of returning her most grateful acknowledgments to all who have honoured her with their countenance, protection, and interest. To them she owes a success infinitely beyond her most sanguine expectations, and very far superior to her merit. And she is inclined to think, that the most grateful tribute she can pay to their goodness, is to assure them, that by the assistance they have afforded her, together with the moderate price which provisions both are and have been at for some time past, she is now enabled to lower her board for the future, and thereby give a testimony of her gratitude to a country in which she has met with so much kindness and encouragement.

Mrs Billingsley entreats those who incline to honour her with the care of their daughters, to apply to the parents or friends of such Young Ladies as have been with her; she not fearing to have her conduct undergo the strictest scrutiny with regard to usage, diet, and every particular.

The terms of education are as formerly; and the Masters all attend in the house.—No vacation to be given, except to those who chuse to take it.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, GREENOCK.

ARRIVED,
Dec. 31. Happy Return, Holmes, from Drogheda, with goods.
Peggy, Anderson, from Drogheda, with ditto.
SAILED,
Ranger cutter, and Capt. Gillies's cutter on a cruise.

PANTHEON.

Mary's Chapel, Jan. 3. 1781.

THE Society have appointed the following Question to be the subject of debate on Thursday, to-wit, being the 11th current,
"Whether does Joy or Grief make the strongest Impression upon the Mind?"

Upon this occasion, TWO SILVER MEDALS will be adjudged; and at the subsequent Meeting presented; one to the best Speaker in point of ORATORY, and the other to the person who shall deliver the best speech in point of COMPOSITION.

Tickets to be had of the Members, and at Mr Swan's shop, as usual.
The debate to begin precisely at Eight o'clock.

CANONGATE CHARITY WORK-HOUSE.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION for the Charity Work-House, will be made at the door of the Church on Sabbath next. The number of poor, always considerable in so populous a parish, is now increased by many employed at present in defence of their country, having left families unprotected, and well entitled to the public charity. It is hoped that the inhabitants will continue their support to so useful an institution.

Those who have not seats in the church, may send their collections either to the Pious House, or to Bailie Daniel Miller, grocer, head of New Street, who will grant receipts, if desired.

NEW MUSIC.

This day is published, price 2 s.

NUMBER FIFTY-SIX OF

THE PERIODICAL OVERTURES

COMPOSED BY G. HAYDN.

N. B. The Ninth Set of these Overtures, which contains No. 49, by Sacchini, — 50, by Vivaldi, — 51, by Schimke, — 52, by Canabich, — 53, by Vivaldi, — and 54, by Boccherini, may now, like the former sets, be had in one publication.

LONDON, printed by R. BREWSTER, in the Strand, and sold at his Music Shop, EDINBURGH, — where may be had, all Musical Matters, as cheap and good as in London.

GEORGE DEWAR, Linen-Draper,

Head of Advocate's Close, Luckenbooths.

BEGS leave to return his most grateful acknowledgments to those Ladies and Gentlemen who have hitherto favoured him with their orders; and takes the liberty of informing them, that he has on hand a complete assortment of the following Goods, viz.
Plain Linens, from 1 s. to 6 s. per yard.
Table Linen Damask or Diaper, in suits or single cloths.
Diapers and Clothings.
Coarse and fine Sheetings.
Long-Lawns and Cambrics.
Mullins of all kinds.

With sundry other articles both of Scots and English manufacture.
N. B. As his chief attention is directed to the Linen branch, and being supplied from the best markets, those who are pleased to favour him with their orders, may depend on being served with goods of the best quality, and on the lowest terms.

SALE OF SILKS, CLOTHS, &c.

At DAVID MILN'S Ware Rooms,

Parliament-Square.

THE STOCK still on hand, to a great amount, of HOPE and MILNE, will now be sold very cheap, for ready money.

D. MILNE is just arrived from London with a very elegant assortment of all the fashionable fancy and plain SILKS, Silver and Gold Tissues, all the variety for Riding Dresses, Riding Hats; and Silk Stockings, as low as 6 s. 6 d. for Ladies.

CLOTHS, Velvets, Silks for Vests and Breeches, Hats, Silk Stockings, and all the variety for gentlemen.

LIVERY CLOTHS from 2 s. 3 d. to 12 s. a-yard.

BLACK SILKS, and Black Silk Bombazines and Crapes of the best fabric, as usual; and the New Flannels for Shaws.

Those indebted to Mr HOPE personally, or those friends of the Company whose accounts are still unpaid, are earnestly entreated to be so obliging as order payment to Mr Milne, or settle their accounts by bill, making the term of payment agreeable to themselves.

Commissions from the country properly attended to.

PETER FORRESTER AND CO.

Opposite the Cross, Edinburgh.

HAVE just now added to their large STOCK of HARDWARE and JEWELLERY GOODS, some of the newest and most elegant London Patterns of the following articles:

Brown Tea-Kitchens, with and without plated mountings.
Silver, Gilt, Argenture, and Plated Shoe and Knee Buckles.
Fine Set Stock and Knee Buckles, with gold edgings.
Ditto Shoe, ditto with ditto.
Patent Time-Pieces by Kettifin.
Great variety of Plated Table and Chamber Candlesticks.
Sets of Plated Cuffors, 3 and 8 glasses each.
Plain and Set Gold Cravate and Hair Slides.
Plain Gold and Enamelled Breast Pins.
Plain and Set Gold Hair-rings; with New Patterns of Hair-Work for Rings, Lockets, &c. &c.
Neat Hair and Silk Watch and Cane Strings. And
New fashioned Silk-Purses.

They continue to give the highest prices for Light Gold, Old Silver, and Lace; and exchange Silver Plate of all kinds on the most reasonable terms.

Commissions from the country executed with the greatest care and expedition; and every article charged equally low, as if the customer was present.

EXCISE OFFICE, Edinburgh, 3d January 1780.

By order of the Hon. the COMMISSIONERS OF EXCISE,

THERE is to be exposed to SALE by public auction at Ayr, on Friday the 12th current, the following GOODS, lately condemned before the Justices, viz.

1680 pounds Fine BLACK TEA.
860 ditto Coarse ditto.
240 gallons FOREIGN BRANDY.

PHESDO, in the Mearns.

TO BE LET,

THE HOUSE and PARKS of PHESDO, with the Garden and Offices, enterable at Whitsunday next.

James Lindsay at Pheudo will show the premises.

Offers may apply to Mr James Macdonald at Inglismaldy, by Montrose.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Monday the 22d day of January current, between the hours of four and five afternoon.

THAT HOUSE in Nicolson's Square, fronting south, No. 16, consisting of the Kitchen floor, dining-room floor, drawing-room floor, bed-room floor, and garret rooms, with cellars and other conveniences; all in good order.

The purchaser may enter immediately after the sale, or any time between and Whitsunday 1781, in his option; and to encourage a roup, the upset sum will be so low as 800 l. Sterling. The whole or greater part of the price, the buyer may retain for a given time in his hands.

The house may be seen every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, between the hours of twelve and two.

Apply to Thomas Cockburn writer to this signet, who will deal by private bargain.

SALE OF WEED ASH.

TO be SOLD by auction, at Leith upon Tuesday the 9th January current, at twelve o'clock mid-day, 107 barrels WEED ASH. To be put up in such lots as may appear most eligible at the time of sale. The conditions of roup are in the hands of John Grant merchant Leith, in whose custody the goods may be viewed at ten o'clock forenoon of the day of sale.

TO BE SOLD,

THE LODGING, on the north side of St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, belonging to Sir John Pringle, Bart. Apply to Harry Davidson writer in Edinburgh.

BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE LORD PROVOST AND MAGISTRATES OF
EDINBURGH.

THE Magistrates and Council having resolved to build a CHURCH in George's Street, in the extended Royalty, request that Architects may, betwixt the 22d January current, (the 3th January formerly advertised, being thought too short a time for Architects to finish their plans) give in to the Clerks, at the Council Chamber, PLANS (scaled up, and directed thus, "Church Plan") of a Church of about 70 or 80 feet in front, by 50 or 60 feet in depth, with an arrangement of Seats and Galleries for about 1500 persons; the front to be somewhat similar to that of the Physicians Hall, with the addition of a Spire above the Portico. The Church to have three doors, viz. one in the front, and one in each end.

The Plan approved will be entitled to Ten Guineas of premium.

A SALE OF TEAS and SPIRITS, &c.

WILLIAM MOFFAT and Co. at their ware-house, north side of the Lawn-market, opposite Libberton's wynd Edinburgh, return their grateful thanks to the public for the generous encouragement they have lately met with, and are happy it is in their power to merit their future favours, having at present a large quantity of goods on hand, of preferable quality, and at more moderate prices than any yet offered to sale, and which they are now selling at the following prices, viz.

Best Bohea Tea, at 3 s. 3 d. per lb.	Very best ditto, at 2 s. 6 d. per lb.
Congo, at 5 s.	Hylon, at 11 s.
Fine ditto, at 6 s.	Superfine, at 13 s.
Shouhong, at 6 s. 9 d.	

The teas sold Dutch weight.—Sugars at prime cost.

Foreign and British spirits of the very best qualities, that will give universal satisfaction, and on the lowest terms.

Ladies and Gentlemen may depend on receiving the greatest civilities, and their goods carefully sent to their lodgings.

FOR SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION,

Within the house of Patrick Heron vintner, Glasgow, on Monday the 22d January current, at twelve o'clock mid-day,

(For account of the Owners of the Ship *BELLONA PRIVATEER*.)

THE CARGO of the Prize Dutch Snow

CATHARINA, from Saint Domingo, consisting of about 1630 Bags, weighing about 14 Cwt. each, and 170 Casks COFFEE; And 33 Hhds. and 2 Tierces of CLAYED SUGAR; And about 200 DRIED HIDES.

To be set up in lots, as purchasers may incline.

A deposit of 25 per cent. to be made in the hands of William Cunningham, by each buyer at the time of sale, and the remainder to be paid in 30 days, or at the delivery; but, if not taken away by that time, the deposit to be forfeited; and any deficiency that may arise, with all charges attending the re-sale, to be made good by the first purchaser.

The duties for home consumption or exportation to be paid by the purchasers.

The buyer to receive the goods at the cellar in Port-Glasgow, where they are deposited, at the weights and in the condition they passed the King's scale, and to take upon him every risk and charge from the day of sale.

At the same time and place to be SOLD,

The Snow CATHARINA, with all her Materials, agreeable to inventory to be then shown, and upon the same terms and conditions as mentioned above.

N. B. Samples of the sugar and coffee to be seen at the cellars of William Cunningham, Glasgow, any time before the day of sale. GLASGOW, 26th December 1780.

THE LIBERTY CUTTER PRIVATEER OF LEITH

Commanded by THOMAS ADIE.

18 now fitting out, and will be ready in a few days for a cruise against the enemies of Great Britain, especially the Dutch. This vessel is so well known by all the seafaring people to be one of the best sailers ever built at Falkland, that it is unnecessary to lay more than mention her name. She is 160 tons burden, and mounts 24 guns and 12 swivels.

It is not doubted that spirited sailors, of whom there are many on the coast of Scotland, well acquainted with this vessel, will take this opportunity of serving their country, and enriching themselves and families. Good seamen and landmen will meet with the best encouragement, by applying immediately to Captain Thomas Adie on board of the ship at Leith. A handsome gratuity will also be given to the wife and children of any sailor who shall be wounded or suffer in the service, over and above every other allowance given in such cases.

THE RESOLUTION PRIVATEER of Leith.

Commanded by Captain ROBERT MUDIE.

18 now fitting out with all expedition for a six months cruise against the enemies of Britain, particularly the perfidious DUTCH.

This vessel is one of the finest perhaps ever launched, and the fastest sailing cutter ever built. She is 250 tons burden, and mounts 22 twenty-four pounders.

It is hoped that spirited Seamen and Landmen will not be so blind to their interest as neglect this opportunity of making their fortunes, and serving their country.

Good Seamen and Landmen will meet with the best encouragement, by applying to Capt. Mudie at Leith, or James Bowie, opposite the City Guard, Edinburgh.

TO BE SOLD,

THE BETSEY AND BROTHERS,

a fine Brig of about 200 tons burden, Scarborough built, with Long-boat and Furniture complete, as she at present lies in the harbour of Burntisland.

She is admirably calculated for privateering; has been thoroughly repaired about four months ago; and can easily be fitted out to carry 16 or 18 guns, besides swivels. She sails so remarkably fast, that she lately escaped from being taken by a privateer, off Aberdeen, by mere dint of sailing, although she had upwards of 1000 barrels of tar on board, and was chased a considerable time.

Apply to Peter and Francis Forrester, merchants in Edinburgh, the proprietors, who will show the inventory and conclude a bargain.

That upon the fifteenth of January instant, there will be exposed by public sale, within the house of James Mitchell vintner, at the back of the Grammar School, Dundee, betwixt the hours of two and three afternoon,

The Good Sloop or Vessel the

WILLIAMS of Dundee, whereof Andrew Bell was late Master, burden 53 tons, a prime sailer, and ships light, Leith built, and well found.

The articles of roup and inventory to be seen in the hands of John Ogilvie writer, Dundee, with whom any persons that have claims upon the vessel, or that are creditors to the said Andrew Bell, are desired to lodge notes of their debts, betwixt and the day of sale.

SECOND CLASS.

For the greatest quantities of Clean Skutched Flax, raised and dressed agreeable to the Board's advertisement.

Gainers.	Farms.	Parishes & Shires.	Premiums.
John Paterfon	Corttonmill	Strathmiglo, Fife	30 0
John Peter	Letham	Tippermuir, Perth	15 0
Kenny and William	Saunderside	St Ninians, Stirling	20 0
Kirkwood and Cook	Dunipace	Dunipace, ditto	10 0
Wilson and Anderson	Findlater Parks	Rathven, Banff	7 10
Angus M'Pherson	Pitcox	Stentown, Haddington	15 0
Andrew Gray	ditto	ditto, ditto	7 10
Robert Harkness	Kirkmichael	Kirkmichael, Dumfries	10 0
James French	Amisfield Town	Kirkmahoe, ditto	5 0
John Hodgson	W. for Wattin	Wattin, Caithness	5 0

THIRD CLASS.

FIFE-SHIRE.

Gainers.	Farms.	Parishes.	Premiums.
James Mercer	Brierybath	Wester Anstruther	3 16
James Richardson	Reidieley	Auchtermuchty	12 3
William Fyfe	Denhead	Ceres	1 18
Oliver Goulay, Esq.	Scottharvet	ditto	1 4
Alexander Howie	Struthersbarns	ditto	2 19
Robert Ogilvie	ditto	ditto	1 9
Andrew Imrey	ditto	ditto	5 4
William Herd	Springfield	Capar	1 0
Robert Bell	Chappellwell	Dairlie	7 4
Andrew Aitkin	Blacklaw	Dunfermlines	5 16
Thomas Walker	Peatiemuir	ditto	2 7
Mr Cowan	Orcmill	Dyfarth	36 1
David Pusses	Bowhouse	Elic	2 4
Laurence Reid	Balmblea	Falkland	1 12
James Collier	Dura	Kemback	1 15
Mrs Ann Kyd	Balbutie	Kilconquhar	4 6
Alexander Cooper	Collinsburgh	ditto	5 11
James & William Wood	Hillhouse	ditto	3 19
Chalmers and Hall	Thirdpark	Kilrenny	33 4
David Reikie	Carlebury	Largo	2 0
William Henderson	Hatton	ditto	7 4
Mrs Ann Durham	Largo	ditto	2 11
James Carmichael	Lundmill	ditto	1 8
James Wood	ditto	ditto	1 2
John Alton	Milton of Balgonie	Markinch	2 8
James Philip	Byrhill	St Andrews	3 4
Andrew Rodger	Dovecotthill	ditto	2 7

CLACKMANNAN-SHIRE.

Robert Auld	Aberdona	Clackmannan	14 12
Robert Campbell	Middleton Kerfe	Logie	11 10

PERTH-SHIRE.

John Ramsay and Co.	Broxden	Aberdalgie	31 4
Andrew Buitt	Winedge	ditto	4 2
David Gardiner	Abernyte	Abernyte	1 6
George Cornie	Aberbothry	Alyth	1 5
John Puller	Airlywright	Auchtergaven	1 7
Allan Bullians	Airlywright	Auchtergaven	1 13
John Galetlie	ditto	ditto	1 5
John Black	Mill of ditto	ditto	1 2
Peter Boyd	Colly	ditto	3 0
John Duncan	Gallowhill	ditto	1 8
Thomas Dow	Jackfoll	ditto	2 3
Andrew Bullians	Tulliebelton	ditto	1 4
James Young	Little ditto	ditto	1 4
William Stewart	Neillhaugh	ditto	4 6
James Duff	Nairnpark	ditto	4 4
Peter Finnick	Newbigging	ditto	1 9
John Chalmers	Priefton	ditto	1 8
William Robertson	Cupargrange	Bendochy	2 16
William Rodger	ditto	ditto	1 10
John Kirkaldy	Southfield of ditto	ditto	1 8
Charles Playfair	Low Couty	ditto	2 4
John Lindsay	Millhorn	ditto	1 14
David Mackay	Rosemount	Blaigowrie	1 10
John Saunders	Welltown	ditto	1 13
John Constable	ditto	ditto	1 4
John Irving	Whitefield	Cargill	1 11
Anthony Murray, Esq.	Dollarie	Crieff	2 3
Thomas M'Neil	Gavelbeg	ditto	2 2
Charles Porter	Balbrogie	Cupar Angus	3 2
James Stevenson	ditto	ditto	2 8
David Porter	ditto	ditto	2 2
James Stewart	Easter Denhead	ditto	1 8
James Baxter	Meigle	ditto	1 1
William Johnston	Meadowhead	Doun	1 8
John Donaldson, jun.	West Dron	Dron	3 18
Chapman and Buitt	Dumbarnie	Dumbarnie	22 9
John Brown	Pitkeathly	ditto	11 2
James Marshall	Kinlady	Dunning	2 2
Richard Knox	Stockbrigs	Dunblane	3 3
Daniel Steel	Lornie	Errol	6 18
Alexander Clark	Mains of Murice	ditto	6 8
Charles Kinnear	Inchmichael	ditto	2 6
James Hunter	Seafide	ditto	4 4
Thomas Stobie	Boatmill	Forgandenny	3 9
Adam Miller & Partner	Bunzian	ditto	4 2
Adam Miller	ditto	ditto	3 16
Miller, Roy, & Murdoch	Sinwinnie	ditto	5 6
William Philp	Muckarcy	Forteviot	1 2
Robert Maxton	Gorthy	Fowls Wester	1 0
George Thomson	Balgairn	Inchture	1 10
Alexander Valentine	Mains of ditto	ditto	1 2
William M'Leith	Rossie	ditto	2 8
William Blair	Ford of Pitcurr	Kettins	1 4
Robert Naifmish	Arstully	Kinclaive	1 10
William Gardiner	Balshyock	Kinnoul	1 14
Thomas Adam	ditto	ditto	2 8
John Buchanan	Gogar	Logie	3 18
Alexander Drummond	Burnside	Longforgan	2 13
William Cooper	Castle Huntly	ditto	1 7
Alexander Logan	Mains of ditto	ditto	2 18
William Finlay	ditto	ditto	1 0
William Peebles	West Mains of ditto	ditto	1 16
Thomas Taylor	Knap	ditto	1 6
Thomas Mathew	Millhill	ditto	1 8
Andrew Barron	Balmyle	Meigle	4 12
David Ritchie	Cassochie	Methven	2 0
Andrew Henderson	Sachole	ditto	2 0
William Barry	Craighall	Monedie	1 10
William Gorrey	Gellybanks	ditto	2 8
Peter Reid	Findal	Muthil	1 8
John Smith	Claypots	Perth	3 4
John and James Imbrie	Balhouse	ditto	1 14
Thomas Harvie	Shanochall	Port	22 0
William Robertson	Over Pitcalra	Regerton	2 2
George Gray	ditto	ditto	2 0
John Donaldson, sen.	Elcho	Rhynd	22 17
David Young	Rosefield	St Martins	10 10
Robert Gordon	Mill of Cairney	St Madocs	2 0
Patrick Matthew	Rome	Secon	3 6
James Lawton	Easthaugh	Tippermuir	1 16
William Balvaird	Huntingtower	ditto	2 2
William Carmichael	Lethem	ditto	1 8
John Peter	ditto	ditto	7 4
Peter Lumfden	Pool	ditto	2 16

FORFARSHIRE.

Alex Fairweather	Woodway	Aberlemno	2 6
James Davidson	Mairden	Arbroath	1 11
Stewart Lyall, Esq.	Newgate	ditto	1 2
George Blair	Adamston	Auchterhouse	1 10

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Robert Henderson	Burgh-hill	Brechin	1 18
Thomas Lighton	Lene of Cookfion	ditto	1 1
John Hood	Keithock	ditto	3 12
William Hood	ditto	ditto	3 10
John Edgar, Esq.	Mains of Keithock	ditto	3 1
Alex. Fairweather	Pandreich	ditto	1 5
James Davidson	Bank of Pittforthie	ditto	1 12
James Brown	Cononside	Carmylie	2 18
Alex. Mitchell	Nether Carreston	Carreston	27 1
John Rickard	Peathill	ditto	1 13
Charles Black	ditto	ditto	2 4
Francis Straton	Kinnoul	Craig	1 1
John Brewis	Mountboy	ditto	1 16
James Williamson	Eastmains of Rossie	ditto	14 2
David Mitchell	Westmains of ditto	ditto	3 7
John Sinclair	ditto	ditto	1 18
John Bruce	ditto	ditto	1 8
William Smith	Ulyfshaven	ditto	1 16
William Lyall	ditto	ditto	1 15
David Lyall	ditto	ditto	1 2
Robert Mill	ditto	ditto	1 11
John Williamson	Bandoch	Inverkeilor	2 3
Milne and Smith	Boghead	ditto	2 14
Ruxton and Milne	ditto	ditto	1 10
James Fernier	Gilchorn	ditto	1 3
John Read	Redcastle	ditto	2 1
Thomas Kinmont	Ardlair	Kettins	1 6
Wm. Anderson	Mill of Ardlair	ditto	2 1
James Ogilvie	Bowhouse	Kinnell	1 4
James Scott	East Braikie	ditto	2 6
David Messan	ditto	ditto	4 7
John Williamson	ditto	ditto	1 18
Alex. Williamson	ditto	ditto	2 6
Jamieson and Mill	ditto	ditto	5 17
David Smith	Newbigging	ditto	2 8
Colin Ritchie	Kinnure	ditto	2 1
William Mather	Mains of Gray	Liff	3 12
Bartholomew Parsons	ditto	Logie Pert	43 7
James Walker	Pert	ditto	5 19
William Johnston	Dumbertnot	Lunan	1 3
Alexander Scott	Lunan	ditto	1 4
William Mill	Newton	ditto	3 5
William Scott	Bonyton	Marytown	2 2
Alex. Dorward	ditto	ditto	1 0
Thomas Ruthven	Hedderwick	Montrose	1 18
Davidson and Mill	Newmanswells	ditto	3 7
John Langlands	Milton of Finhaven	Oathlaw	2 19
John Fih	Dodd	Refcobie	2 1
David Smith	Auchmithie	St Vigean	1 3
James, John, and Peter Hay	Muirhouse	ditto	3 10
John Hood	Side	Strickathrow	1 1

LINLITHGOW SHIRE.

George Harper	Bridgend	Linlithgow	1 12
James Peebles	Kirkhill	Uphall	3 5

STIRLING SHIRE.

John Hamilton	Kenmuir	Muiravinside	7 6
Renny and William	Sauchie	St Ninians	2 15

DUNBARTON SHIRE.

James Rouat	Bedow	Kirkintilloch	1 3
James Marshall	Drumfrantie	ditto	3 0
Charles & Wm. Stewart	Drumbreck	Kirkintilloch	1 3
Andrew Roschet	Duntibla	ditto	1 6
William Stewart	Sauchinall	ditto	3 5

LANARK-SHIRE.

James Telfer	Biggarfields	Biggar	4 7
Robert Allan	Auchinleck	Calder	1 13
Alexander Wilson	Chrylton	ditto	1 13
William Anderson	Lanark Crofts	Lanark	2 10
James Kane	Lee Park	ditto	2 4
William M'Lean	South Medrox	New Monkland	2 0
John Gourlay	Westerfaugh	Shots	1 0

RENFREW-SHIRE.

James Kerr	Mofs-side	Pailley	1 17
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KINCARDINE-SHIRE.

George Ross	Stone of Benholm	Benholm	1 5
William Cathbert	Canterland	Ecclefreig	4 8
Robert Demyker	Mains of Morphie	ditto	1 18
James Beatt	ditto	ditto	3 10
Charles Greig	ditto	ditto	1 13
John Webber	Stone of Morphie	ditto	7 4
John Farquhar	Woodston	ditto	1 12
Robert Peirie	ditto	ditto	5 18
John Baird	Pitnamoon	Fordoun	1 15
Dr Joseph Low	Bent	Laureneekirk	1 0
Robert Smart	Balmorie	Marykirk	5 13
Dr James Badenack	Mains of Balmakewan	ditto	1 16
William Wylie	Marymill	ditto	1 10

ABERDEEN-SHIRE.

Alexander Grieve	Kirkatun	Monwhiter	1 15
Alexander Fraser, Esq.	Mains of Strichen	Strichen	2 10

BANFF-SHIRE.

William Dunbar	Portfoxy	Fordyce	1 16
James Robertson	ditto	ditto	1 1
James Innes	Coldhame	Keith	1 4
James Thurburn	Drum	ditto	2 7

EDINBURGH-SHIRE.

Thom. & Cuthberton, East Ratho	Ratho	5 8
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HADDINGTON-SHIRE.

Thomas Hay	Standalane	Aberlady	15 0
John Park	Brant	Dunbar	10 0
William Watt	Gateside	ditto	7 18
Robert Dick	Hedderwick	ditto	42 9
John Campbell	Howmuir	ditto	20 15
Archibald Keddie	Tyrie	ditto	12 0
John Dodds	Eastmains	Gladsmuir	12 0
Thomas Lauder	Clerkington	Haddington	2 10
Mr Henry Sangster	Humbie Parks	Humbie	8 18
John Dodds	Higbie	ditto	14 0
William Brodie	Upper Keith	ditto	10 4
George Park	Windymains	ditto	9 16
William Park	Huntlaw	Pancatland	3 12
Hugh Macpherson	Little Spott	Stenton	3 15
Angus Macpherson	Pitlocks	ditto	48 6
Andrew Gray	ditto	ditto	25 10
Hugh Neilson	Howden	Whitekirk	9 0
John Meik	Lock-houses	ditto	7 1
William Knox	Ravenhugh	ditto	43 18

BERWICK-SHIRE.

George Hall	Horley	Coldinghame	10 10
Angus Macpherson	Kames	Eccles	3 14

ROXBURGH-SHIRE.

John Thomson	Muirhousefaw	Maxton	14 5
Alexander Oliphant	Eckford	Eckford	11 0

ROSS-SHIRE.

Alexander Cassels	Morangie	Tain	1 16
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CAITHNESS-SHIRE.

John Hodgson	Wester Wattin	Wattin	2 2
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The premiums will be paid at this Office to the persons who bring receipts, according to the following form, viz.
 "Received by me [the gainers name and designation to be here inserted]
 "from Robert Arbuthnot, Secretary to the Trustees for Manufactures,
 "the sum of _____ Sterling of premium for
 "skutched Flax, (or _____ pecks of lintseed) crop 1779, raised on

"acres of ground, in the farm of _____ parish of _____
 "and shire of _____ In witness whereof, I have written
 "and subscribed this receipt, at _____ the _____ day of _____
 "one thousand seven hundred and _____
 "N. B. Where the Gainers do not write their own receipts, the receipt must bear the writer's name, and have two witnesses.
 By order of the Board of Trustees,
 ROBT. ARBUTHNOT, Secretary.

All the Competitors for the Flax Premiums, crop 1779, are desired to take notice, That from the date of the Trustees funds, they find it necessary to pay no more upon the First and Second Classes than the sums advertised; and therefore no person is allowed any premium who did not lodge his affidavit in this Office on or before the first day of July 1780, agreeable to the Board's advertisement; and it will be needless, for any of these Competitors, who are disappointed, to make representations to the Board, for they will not be listened to.

THE Creditors of the deceased ALEXANDER HAY.

HAY, Wright in Edinburgh, are desired to transmit notes of their debts to Mr William Borthwick, at Mr Hay's house, foot of Allan's close, Edinburgh, specifying what interest (if any) is due thereupon; in order that the same may be settled and paid: And this they are requested to do betwixt and the 10th of January 1781.

A HOUSE TO SELL.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within John's Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 10th day of January next, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,
 That DWELLING-HOUSE presently possessed by Mr David Sheppard merchant, consisting of four rooms and a kitchen, with other conveniences, all well lighted, situated at the head of Carrubber's close, upon the east side thereof, with an easy access, by a few steps off the close.—The house may be seen all lawful days, betwixt twelve and two.
 For further particulars, apply to Walter Scott clerk to the signet, who will show the articles of roup and progress of writs, and who has power to conclude a private bargain.

SALE OF HOUSES and ACRES at DUNSE.

THERE is to be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Monday the 22d day of January next, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,
 Several TENEMENTS of HOUSES, Yards, and Piece of Arable Land, now converted into a garden and orchard, which belonged to James Gilkie writer in Edinburgh, now deceased, and were disposed by him to John Hay accountant in Edinburgh, as trustee for behoof of his creditors.
 For further particulars, enquire at the said John Hay, or James Kay, writer in Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD by public roup within the Exchange coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 25th day of January 1781, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

The Lands of DUMBARNE, consisting of about 340 Scots acres, and lying within the parish of Dumbarne, and county of Perth, with the Salmon Fishery upon the water of Earn thereto belonging. The free yearly rent is above 400 l. sterling. This estate lies in a most agreeable country, about a mile west from the Bridge of Earn, and five from Perth. The soil is in general a fine strong clay, and highly cultivated. Great part of the ground is inclosed, and there are many stripes and clumps of planting in a thriving condition. The houses and office-houses are commodious. There is a good kitchen garden and pigeon-house, and an orchard well stored with fruit-trees, which begin to bear plentifully.

There is an inexhaustible quarry of fine free-stone in the grounds, which, from the scarcity of stone in that part of the country, and easy communication, both by land and water, with Perth, may turn to great advantage.

The lands hold partly of the Crown and partly of a